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Basic Skills Testing Information (WEST-B)

WEST-B (Washington Educator Skills Test-Basic)

Evaluation Systems group of Pearson
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Sacramento, CA 95834-0460
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The statewide uniform means of assessing the basic skills competency of reading, mathematics and writing of all teacher candidates and out-of-state applicants for a Washington residency certificate.

Test	Subtest	Number of Items	Passing Score	Test Fee
WEST-B http://www.west.nesinc.com	Reading	60 multiple choice	240	Registration fee is \$10. Each subtest fee is \$25.
	Mathematics	60 multiple choice	240	
	Writing	50 multiple choice & 2 prompts	240	

Additional score reports can be ordered up to 10 years after date of test taken.

WEST- B Extensions

WAC 181-01-001 WEST-B Extension. Individuals applying for a Washington State residency teaching certificate who have completed a teacher preparation program in another state or country have up to one calendar year from issuance of temporary permit to pass the WEST-B basic skills test, provided that they have completed all other requirements for residency certification other than passage of the WEST-B and are thus eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

WEST- B Exemptions

WAC 181-01-002 WEST-B Exemptions. (1) Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency teaching certificate under WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) or WAC 181-79A-260, or out-of-state candidates applying to masters-degree level teacher preparation programs residing outside of the state of Washington at time of application, in lieu of passing the WEST-B, may provide official documentation of scores on the Praxis I of 177 for the reading subtest, 176 for the mathematics subtest and 174 for the writing subtest, or scores on the Praxis I CBT computer-administered test of 325 for the reading subtest, 321 for the mathematics subtest, and 321 for the writing subtest, or passing scores from California or Oregon on the CBEST.

(2) Candidates applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certification under WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-B requirement.

Test	Subtest	Test Codes	Passing Score	Test Fee
Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	0710	177	Registration fee is \$50. Each subtest is \$40.
	Mathematics	0730	176	
	Writing	0720	174	
Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Test (CPPST) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	5710	177	Registration fee is \$50. \$80-1 test \$120-2 tests \$160-3 tests \$130-Combined Test
	Mathematics	5730	176	
	Writing	5720	174	
Praxis I: Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Tests (CBT) http://www.ets.org/praxis	Reading	0711	325	Discontinued assessment: Additional score reports can be ordered up to 10 years after date of test taken.
	Mathematics	0731	321	
	Writing	0721	321	
California Basic Skills Test (CBEST) http://www.cbest.nesinc.com	Reading	N/A	37	\$41
	Mathematics	N/A	37	
	Writing	N/A	37	
	Composite	N/A	123	

WEST –B Appeals Process

WAC 181-01-004 Appeals process. The Washington professional educator standards board may permit exceptions from the assessment requirements under [RCW 28A.410.220](#) (1) and (2) on a case-by-case basis. Consistent with the discretion accorded to the professional educator standards board in [RCW 28A.410.220](#)(3), the exemptions and extensions provided for in [WAC 181-01-001](#), [181-01-002](#), [181-02-001](#) and [181-02-002](#), shall be the sole exceptions to the WEST-B and WEST-E assessment requirements.

Endorsement Testing Information (WEST-E/Praxis II)

WEST-E/PRAXIS II (Washington Educator Skills Test-Endorsements)

Educational Testing Service (ETS)

ETS-The Praxis Series

P. O. BOX 6051

Princeton, NJ 08541-6051

Washington toll free telephone: 800-721-6596

TTY: 609-771-7714

Website: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html>

- For email click on “Contact Us”
- OSPI/PESB Agency Recipient Code: 8430

The statewide uniform means of assessing the subject area content knowledge for most of Washington’s thirty-four endorsements.

WEST-E Extension

WAC 181-02-001 WEST-E Time Extension. Candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for a Washington state residency or professional teaching certificate based on WAC 181-79A-257 (1) (b) have up to one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E subject knowledge test, provided they are eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 181-79A-128.

WEST –E Exemption

WAC 181-02-002 WEST-E Exemption

Individuals who hold a certificate through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are exempt from the WEST-E requirement if there is a direct equivalency between the endorsements sought and the national board certificate, as approved by the professional educator standards board and published by the superintendent of public instruction. The equivalent NBPTS and Washington endorsement table approved by the professional educator standards board may not be changed without prior professional educator standards board approval.

National Board Certificate	Exempt WEST-E Test(s)
Early Childhood Generalist (3-8)	Early Childhood Ed
Middle Childhood Generalist (7-12)	Elementary Education
Art (3-18)	Visual Arts
English as a New Language (3-18)	ESL
English Language Arts (11-18)	English Language Arts
Exceptional Needs (3-18)	Special Education
Library Media (3-18)	Library Media
Mathematics (14-18)	Mathematics
Science (14-18)	Science
Social Studies & History (11-18)	Social Studies or History
World Languages (3-18)	World Language
Literacy (3-12)	Reading

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PRAXIS II SERIES TESTS FOR WASHINGTON STATE						
Licensure Area	Session/ Test Code	Test Name	Range of Scores	Qualifying Score	Test Length (Hours)	Test Fee
One-Time Registration Fee: \$50.00						
Agricultural Education	1/ 0700	Agriculture	250-990	520	2	\$80
Bilingual	2/ 0360	English to Speakers of Other Languages	250-990	580	2	\$80
	In addition to the Praxis II exam listed above, language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university, or language proficiency certified by passage of the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (www.languageTesting.com) at the intermediate high proficiency level.					
Biology	2/ 0235	Biology: Content Knowledge	100-200	152	2	\$80
Business Education	1/ 0100	Business Education	250-990	560	2	\$90
Chemistry	2/ 0245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	100-200	152	2	\$80
Dance	No Praxis II exam available.	The endorsement competencies will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university.				
Deaf Education	1/ 0271	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	100-200	167	2	\$90
Designated World Language: French	2/ 0173	French: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	158	2	\$80

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Designated World Language: German	2/ 0181	German: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	160	2	\$80
Designated World Language: Latin	No Praxis II exam available.	The endorsement competencies and language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university.				
Designated World Language: Spanish	1/ 0191	Spanish: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	160	2	\$80
Other Designated World Languages: Chinese, Japanese, Norwegian, Russian, Swedish	No Praxis II exam available.	The endorsement competencies and language proficiency will be assessed and verified via completion of a state approved teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited college or university, or language proficiency certified by the passage of the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (www.languageTesting.com) at the intermediate high level.				
Early Childhood Education	2/ 0021	Education of Young Children	100-200	170	2	\$90
Early Childhood Special Education	1/ 0690	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood	250-990	550	2	\$80
Earth and Space Science	2/ 0571	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge	100-200	150	2	\$80

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One-Time Registration Fee: \$50.00						
Elementary Education	1/ 0014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	100-200	141	2	\$80
English Language Arts	1/ 0041	English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge	100-200	158	2	\$80
English as a Second Language	2/ 0360	English to Speakers of Other Languages	250-990	580	2	\$80
Family and Consumer Sciences	1/ 0120	Family and Consumer Sciences	250-990	500	2	\$80
Health & Fitness	2/ 0856	Health & Physical Education: Content Knowledge	100-200	149	2	\$80
History	1/ 0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	100-200	157	2	\$80
Library Media	1/ 0310	Library Media Specialist	250-990	600	2	\$80
Marketing	1/ 0560	Marketing Education	250-990	640	2	\$80
Mathematics	1/ 0061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	100-200	134	2	\$80

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One-Time Registration Fee: \$50.00						
Middle Level Humanities (2 required tests)	1/ 0049	Middle School English Language Arts	100-200	158	2	\$90
	2/ 0089	Middle School Social Studies	100-200	157	2	\$90
Middle Level Mathematics	2/ 0069	Middle School Mathematics	100-200	152	2	\$90
Middle Level Science	1/ 0439	Middle School Science	100-200	145	2	\$90
Music General	1/ 0113	Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	150	2	\$80
Music Choral	1/ 0113	Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	150	2	\$80
Music Instrumental	1/ 0113	Music: Content Knowledge (contains listening section)	100-200	150	2	\$80
Physics	1/ 0265	Physics: Content Knowledge	100-200	140	2	\$80
Reading	2/ 0300	Reading Specialist	250-990	540	2	\$80
Science	1/ 0435	General Science: Content Knowledge	100-200	153	2	\$80
Social Studies	1/ 0081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	100-200	157	2	\$80

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One-Time Registration Fee: \$50.00						
Special Education	2/ 0353	Education of Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge	100-200	152	1	\$65
Technology Education	1/ 0050	Technology Education	250-990	590	2	\$80
Theatre Arts	1/ 0640	Theatre	250-990	560	2	\$80
Traffic Safety	1/ 0867	Driver Education	100-200	150	2	\$80
Visual Arts	1/ 0133	Art: Content Knowledge	100-200	155	2	\$80

Redevelopment of the WEST-E Tests: The Washington Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) has initiated redevelopment of the Washington Educator Skills Tests – Endorsements (WEST-E) tests that are needed for K-12 educator endorsements. Endorsements are required for the residency teaching certificate to demonstrate that teachers have the appropriate content knowledge for their teaching assignments. The new WEST-E tests will be fully aligned with the state standards, including the educator endorsement competencies, the Essential Academic Learning Requirements, and the Grade Level Expectations where available. The PESB, along with National Evaluation Systems (NES®), a business of Pearson Education, is currently recruiting educators to assist in the development of these new tests. To volunteer or nominate someone, go to www.warecruit.nesinc.com for information and forms.

Schedule of New WEST-E Implementation of Out-of-State Candidates:

Endorsement Group	Endorsement Competencies	Test Required before 8/31/08 (07-08 Test Year):		Test Required 9/1/08-9/1/09 (08-09 Test Year):		Test Required after 9/1/09 (09-10 Test Year):	
Group I	Deaf Education	Praxis II		<i>New WEST-E</i>		<i>New WEST-E</i>	
	Health/Fitness						
	Biology						
	Choral Music						
	General Music						
	Instrumental Music						
	Dance						
	Theatre Arts						
	Visual Arts						
	Earth & Space Science						
	Mathematics						
	Social Studies						
	History						
	Reading						
	English/LA						
	Chemistry						
	Physics						
Group II	Science						
	Elementary Education						
	Middle Level Humanities						
	Middle Level Math/Science						
	Bilingual						
	ESOL			▼			
Group III	Early Childhood Ed			Praxis II			
	Early Childhood SPED						
	SPED						
	CTE						
	Traffic Safety						
	World Languages						
	Library Media	▼		▼		▼	

- On September 1, 2008, out-of state applicants seeking an endorsement in Groups I & II will be required to meet the passing score for the *new* WEST-E. The WEST-E Extension (WAC 181-02-001) provides candidates who are prepared and/or certified out-of-state applying for state residency or professional teaching certificate up to one calendar year from issuance of the temporary permit to pass the WEST-E subject knowledge tests, provided they are eligible for a temporary permit under WAC 1818-79A-128.
- On September 1, 2009, out-of-state applicants seeking an endorsement in Groups I, II and III will be required to meet the passing score for the *new* WEST-E. WAC 181-02-001 would continue to apply.